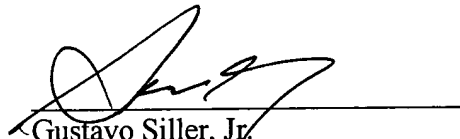


REMARKS

Please note that the cancellation of claims 5-9 is not being presented for reasons of patentability as defined in *Festo Corporation v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd*, 535 U.S. 722 (2002). Claims 5-9 are being canceled in order to expedite prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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